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In re Application of:)
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Jean-Marc ASCIONE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1713
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Application No.: 09/809,007) Examiner: *Not yet assigned*
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Filed: March 16, 2001)
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For: STABILIZING COMPOSITIONS)
COMPRISING AT LEAST TWO)
ANIONIC ASSOCIATIVE)
POLYMERS, THEIR USE FOR)
STABILIZATION OF NON-SOLID)
COMPOSITIONS, AND)
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING)
AT LEAST ONE STABILIZING)
COMPOSITION)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner
is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, before line 1:

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-- This application is based upon and claims the benefit of priority of U.S.

provisional application No. 60/268,909, filed February 16, 2001, the disclosure of
which is incorporated herein by reference.--

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